

IMPROVEMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

*A report of the amount of expenditures for the improvement of the  
Cumberland river.*

JANUARY 31, 1835.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

*January 29, 1835.*

SIR: In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 8th instant, I have the honor to transmit a report from the Chief Engineer, showing the amount of the funds which have been applied to the improvement of the Cumberland river.

To that part of the resolution which requires the Secretary of War to report whether the funds so applied were applied "under the direction of the said Secretary or the President of the United States," I have the honor to state that the act of June 28, 1834, making additional appropriations for harbors, &c. appropriates a sum of \$30,000 "for the continuation of the improvement of the navigation of the Cumberland river, to be expended under the direction of the War Department." In conformity with this discretionary power, the whole of the sum of \$30,000 was directed by this department to be expended upon that part of the river below Nashville. The direction thus given was in conformity with the views entertained upon this subject by the President of the United States, and communicated in his last annual message to Congress.

And I have further to add, in conformity with the resolution, that the remainder of the sum appropriated will be expended upon that portion of the river below Nashville.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

LEW. CASS.

Hon. JOHN BELL,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT,

*Washington, January 10, 1835.*

SIR: In compliance with so much of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 8th instant, as can be replied to from this office, I have the honor to report, that \$7,500 of the \$30,000 appropriated at the last session of Congress for the improvement of the navigation of the Cumberland river, has been remitted to the superintendent, and that the same has or will be applied for the improvement of the navigation below Nashville.

I am, very respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

C. GRATIOT,

*Chief Engineer.*

The Hon. LEWIS CASS,  
*Secretary of War.*